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In re patent application of

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PROTECTION AND CONTROL
SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first official action.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A2 and A3 relate to electric power system protection and control systems in combination with digital protection controllers.

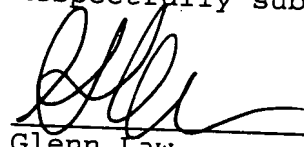
Also, the Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention related copending application 08/982,352 (filed December 2, 1997), based on Japanese applications PH8-337648, PH8-337649, and PH8-360072.

English translations of the foreign documents are not readily available; however, English abstracts are submitted herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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